SI. No.	Name of state/ Union Territory	No. of Kisan Credit Cards Issued
17.	Kerala	489586
18.	Lakshdweep	98
19.	Madhya Pradesh	649142
20.	Maharashtra	1181672
21.	Manipur	758
22.	Meghalaya	2312
23.	Mizoram	1102
24.	Nagaland	144
25.	NCT of Delhi	1949
26.	Orissa	1060521
27.	Pondicherry	12139
28.	Punjab	1072321
29.	Rajasthan	428091
30.	Sikkim	786
31.	Tamil Nadu	1534703
32.	Tripura	3913
33.	Uttar Pradesh	3675563
34.	Uttaranchal	76918
35.	West Bengal	1346903
	TOTAL	20045359

Ad Valorlem Central Excise duty on SSI units

1415. SHRIJANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the levy of 4% *ad valorlem* Central Excise duty on a number of SSI units has made them unviable and many of them are winding up and, therefore have represented to the Central Government to waive the Excise duty;

(b) if yes, the details in this regard and reaction of the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir. Reports received from the field formations do not indicate any winding up

of SSI units on account of imposition of 4% central excise levy. However, a few representations have been received for waiving 4% central excise duty on certain commodities.

(b) Representations were received for waiving central excise levy of 4% on a few items such as umbrellas and parts, utensils, bicycles and their parts, medical equipment and parts, power driven pumps, handpumps and their parts, toys and stationery products.These were considered and parts and accessories of the goods, on which 4% levy was imposed, have been exempted from the said levy.

Fiscal deficit

1416. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'Fiscal deficit shoots up to 5.9 per cent G.D.P' appearing in the Business Standard dated 3rd June, 2002;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what are the proposals of Government to lower down fiscal deficits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRJ ANANT GANGARAM GEETE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The main reason for deterioration in fiscal deficit was less revenue realisation than what was estimated at budget estimate stage. It is the constant endeavour of the Government to contain fiscal deficit by miximising non-debt receipts and controlling non-productive expenditure. A close watch is kept on trends of expenditure with a view to taking corrective action. Instructions for containing non-productive expenditure have been issued from time to time. As a result of this, non-Plan expenditrue in the year 2001 -2002 was about Rs. 16,300 crore less than what was estimated at budget estimates stage.

Black money

1417. DR. AKHILESH DAS:
SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU):

Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-